

JULY 7, 2004

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on July 7, 2004.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Jack Johnson, Superintendent; Robert Buckowing, County Highway Engineer; and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Douglas Hinken, City Engineer for the City of Greenville, came before the Board to discuss Fitzner Road north of County Farm Road. According to Mr. Hinken the city purchased property north of County Farm Road and west of Fitzner Road in Eureka Township to develop as an industrial park. Last fall when Electrolux announced it would be closing, the City looked at building a new facility; however, that did not work out. The City was able to obtain some Federal grant money and Community Development Block Grant money with the city providing a \$30,000 match. Several businesses have voiced interest in coming to Greenville, so the City has looked at developing the industrial park, which would include using approximately 850 feet of the south end of Fitzner Road north of County Farm Road as one of three service roads into the industrial park. The City has checked with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, to see if part of the grant funds could be used to develop this portion of Fitzner Road without transferring jurisdiction of the road from the county to the city. Mr. Hinken found that this could be done as long as the Road Commission agrees to be a co-applicant for the grants. The City is willing to do these improvements to Fitzner Road at no cost to the Road Commission, and the City would be responsible for overseeing and administering the project. The City will widen the road to 31 feet, construct it to all-season standards, install type F-4 concrete curb and gutter, install a water main behind the curb and install a storm sewer at the low point to improve drainage on Fitzner Road. According to Mr. Hinken the proposed industrial park entrance that will run directly off Van Deirse Street (County Farm Road) will be the main entrance and will be signed as such. Julie Terry, a resident on Fitzner Road, asked Mr. Hinken what kind of measures will be put in place to prevent trucks from coming further down what will be the gravel portion of Fitzner Road, which does not have an adequate turnaround. Mr. Hinken stated that directional signs, etc. can be installed and a streetlight will be installed at the intersection. Ms. Terry also asked how the project will be staged, and Mr. Hinken stated that the project on Fitzner Road will be done last, so that the residents can have ingress and egress on the industrial park drives while the project on Fitzner Road is being done. Dale Linton asked that when the portion of Fitzner Road is paved that the City pave it at least 50 feet north of the intersection where it will turn west into the industrial park. Mr. Hinken stated that the City normally paves to the end of the curb radius, approximately 30 feet, but could pave it a little further. Mr. Hinken stated that a stop sign would be installed on the industrial drive not on Fitzner Road. Vining Road at VanDeirse Street was also discussed—Dale Linton stated the radius should be made wide enough to accommodate 53-foot long semi-trailers; and Mr. Hinken agreed that something should be done there, because trucks are currently running across the corners on residents' properties. Les Lillie, Eureka Township Trustee, asked Mr. Hinken why the township was left out of the loop on this—the township hasn't heard anything from the City about this. Mr. Lillie stated that the township does not want to put a damper on this and he doesn't see any problems with the project, but the township would like to be kept informed, because township residents live on the road. The Board stated that it will affect some of the resident, but they think it is a worthwhile project.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the request from the City of Greenville for the Road Commission to be a co-applicant with the City of Greenville on its Application for Federal Assistance for improvements to the City's proposed industrial park. It is further agreed that the City of Greenville will oversee the project, be responsible for all administration and will provide all matching funds. The Road Commission will assume no costs and the improved portion of Fitzner Road will remain under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Randy Stearns told the Board that George Bosanic, Greenville City Manager, has advised him that the developer building the extension of Youngman Road south of M57 will be constructing the extension in the near future and the developer planning to build a commercial development on the north end of Youngman Road plans to start as soon as possible. Mr. Bosanic has asked that the Board make a formal resolution to abandon the north end of Youngman Road south of M57 as discussed in the public hearing held on May 5, 2004 and approved at the regular Board meeting held on the same date so that development of the road can go forward.

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Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has received a request from the City of Greenville to discontinue and abandon the following section of Youngman Road, a public right-of-way under the Road Commission's jurisdiction but located within the city limits of the City of Greenville, Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan: A 66-foot wide strip of land with centerline described as Beginning at the North ¼ post of Section 17, T9N, R8W, Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; thence South 01°00' West, along the North-South ¼ line of said section, 350 feet to the Point of Ending of this description. Subject to State highway right-of-way over the north 75 feet; and

WHEREAS, an on-site review of said right-of-way was done by the Board of County Road Commissioners and the Managing Director; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a public hearing on May 5, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that it is determined by the Board of County Road Commissioners that it is in the best interest of the public that jurisdiction of the above-described road right-of-way be absolutely abandoned and discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in a newspaper printed and circulated in this county, once each week for three successive weeks, a copy forwarded to the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, the City of Greenville, the Eureka Township Board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of same be placed on file.

Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the following township contracts, which have been turned in late due to extenuating circumstances. Carried.

#### Eureka Township

- Place a 200# bituminous overlay on Youngman Road, south of M57, within the township limits (approximately 1,000 lft) - \$6,013.

#### Pierson Township

- Crush, shape and re-pave with a 250# bituminous mat Amy School Road from Lake Montcalm Road to Kendaville Road - \$51,151.
- Ditch both sides of road and gravel resurface Maple Hill Road from Stanton Road to Trufant Road - \$7,862.

#### Manager's Report

- Clark Highway Services will complete pavement marking today and be moving out of the county. They installed "bright strips" on Stanton Road between M91 and Trufant and on Crystal Road between McBride Road and M46. The strips are highly visible at night when it is raining and should last approximately five to six years.
- The Road Commission reconstructed and paved South Shore Drive (Sidney Road) in Crystal in 1996-1997, and now seven years later one of the summer residents is requesting that we construct a retaining wall and stairs, because he feels the project changed his property and needs to be addressed. He wants to know if the Board would be willing to do this. If he had a problem, why did he wait seven years? Did this just happen? The Board stated it would not be in favor of doing this.
- Halliday will be in the county in the next few weeks to make gravel at Braman Pit.
- There is a public meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in Crystal to discuss the proposed change to make the area around Crystal Lake a village. Randy will be attending; if jurisdiction of roads are discussed, the Road Commission is not in favor of transferring jurisdiction of the primary roads within the area to a village. The Road Commission has spent a large sum of funds along with state and federal aid funds in this area on primary roads over the last several years. A letter will also be sent to the Boundary Commission in this regard.
- Part of the base course for the paved driveways and parking areas at the Greenville garage has been completed.

#### Superintendent's Report

- All townships have finally received their first application of chloride; everything was held up because of all the rain we have had. Two townships have had the second application put down; and weather permitting, the remainder should be done in the next two weeks.

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Engineer's Report

- The Crystal enhancement project started yesterday. The contractor started milling the road today.
- The projects on Crystal Road north of M46 and on Sidney Road east of M91 are tentatively scheduled to start July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners' Comments

- Due to increased MTF, the commissioners directed the Clerk to adjust the budget to include \$10,000 for brush spraying along primary roads. This was originally in the budget but was removed at the beginning of the year based on MTF estimates at that time.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 7/7/04 bills totaling \$369,613.93 and Payroll #13 totaling \$70,909.04. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk